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Successful USD100 million private placement

As part of the Group's active financing policy, Mersen has announced the issuance of a USD100 million private placement, including a 10 years USD50 million tranche and a 8 years EUR37.2 million tranche, both repayable at maturity. This financing from a prime US institutional investor carries a fixed average interest rate of 4.7%.

This private placement follows on the one-year extension to the maturity of the syndicated loan in China (now extended to September 2014), negotiated in September. This financing will enable the Group to:

- extend to 4.7 years the average maturity of the utilized borrowings
- diversify its sources of financing on competitive terms, and
- secure its long-term financing requirements in US dollars.

Mersen now enjoys more than USD 635 million of committed credit lines, of which slightly over 50% have been drawn down.

This transaction reflects our financial partners' confidence in Mersen's financial strength and in its expansion strategy. It will enable the Group to bolster its financial flexibility and to finance its future expansion.

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About Mersen

Global expert in materials and solutions for extreme environments as well as in the safety and reliability of electrical equipment Mersen designs innovative solutions to address its clients' specific needs to enable them to optimize their manufacturing process in sectors such as energy, transportation, electronics, chemical, pharmaceutical and process industries.

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